

Longview Safety City Teacher Resource Guide Stranger Danger



Educating children and families about safety in a creative, fun, interactive environment, to reduce the number of preventable injuries.

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STRANGER DANGER

Say **NO** to Strangers



Strangers can hurt you. Be aware and be safe.

Who is a **STRANGER**?

A stranger is **anyone** you don't know. Strangers can be men, women or teenagers. If you've never met them in real life, they're a stranger! Although there are kind strangers, some strangers are not always kind and some can hurt you. A stranger who is not kind does not have to look scary. They can be good looking, clean and well-dressed. There is no way to tell if someone is good just by looking at them. Bad people can pretend to be nice to try and fool you. Don't be fooled! Just stay away.

What should you do if a stranger tries to talk to you?



Ignore them.



Don't look at them or acknowledge that they have spoken to you.



Walk quickly or run from them.



Go in the opposite direction as fast as you can.



Go to a home of someone you know or to an area that has a lot of people.



Tell an adult you can trust about what happened, like a parent, a teacher, a police officer or some other grown-up your parents have given you permission to talk to.

What about when you're home alone?



Keep all doors and windows locked and don't let anyone know you're home alone.



If someone rings your doorbell, look through a peephole or window to see who it is. If you don't recognize them, don't open the door! Even if they are saying it is an emergency and they need to use the phone or come inside, don't open the door.



If someone calls and asks for your parents, don't tell them you're home alone. Tell the person your mom or dad can't come to the phone right now, but you will take a message and they'll call them back in a few minutes. Tell them this even if your parent(s) is gone for an hour or more.

How do strangers trick you?

Strangers who are bad people and who want to hurt you have developed some pretty tricky things to do to confuse you and get you alone with them.



"Help Trick." This is when a stranger asks you to help them find a lost pet or maybe asks you for directions to get somewhere. Seems harmless enough, right? That's what they want you to think. There are adults all over the place that a stranger can ask for help. Turn and walk away.



"Emergency Trick." A stranger might tell you that there's an emergency in your family and that your mom or dad asked them to get you. The stranger may even say that your mom or dad is hurt. Think about this. Your mom or dad would never send a stranger to tell you news like that. Turn around and run away!



“Accident Trick.” This is when a stranger lays on the ground and looks like they are hurt or in pain. The desire to help this person is big and kids want to help and be heroes. Don’t go over to the person. Go to someone you know and tell them about the situation or call 9-1-1 and they’ll come to help.



“Animal Trick.” This is when a stranger holds a small animal and invites you to pet it. This is hard to resist but it can be a trick! The stranger might ask you to come back to their car or home and help feed the baby animal. Don’t! Run away!



“Bribe Trick.” This is when a stranger promises you candy, money or something else that you might like to have. People don’t generally give gifts to people they don’t know. This is a trick. Turn around and run away.

People who look friendly are not always nice. **Keep safe** with these tips:



Always tell your parents where you are going.
Try not to walk anywhere alone. Walk with a friend.
Don’t take shortcuts through the woods, a back street or empty lot.



Don’t get too close to strangers. Make sure you have room to run.



Don’t tell a stranger your name or address.
Never take candy, money or gifts from a stranger.
Never go with a stranger to help look for a lost pet or play a game.



Never get into a car with anyone you don’t know.
If a stranger bothers you, run away and ask an adult for help.

If a stranger follows you or grabs for you, yell real loud! Shout, “I don’t know you,” so people know you’re in trouble. Fight back and make as much noise as you can. If anyone touches you in a bad way, say, “NO!” as loud as you can and run away. Tell an adult immediately.

Tell your parents about places or people that make you feel unsafe.

Know how and when to call **9-1-1**.
Never open the door to a stranger.



Never tell anyone on the phone you're alone.
Don't tell callers your name, phone number or address.
If you don't like what someone is saying on the phone,
hang up right away.



Talk to your parents and come up with a secret code word
for emergencies.
Never go with anyone unless they know the secret code
word.

Secret Code Word



Talk to your parents about a secret code word. You and
your parents are the only people who should know the
code word.



The word should be unique.



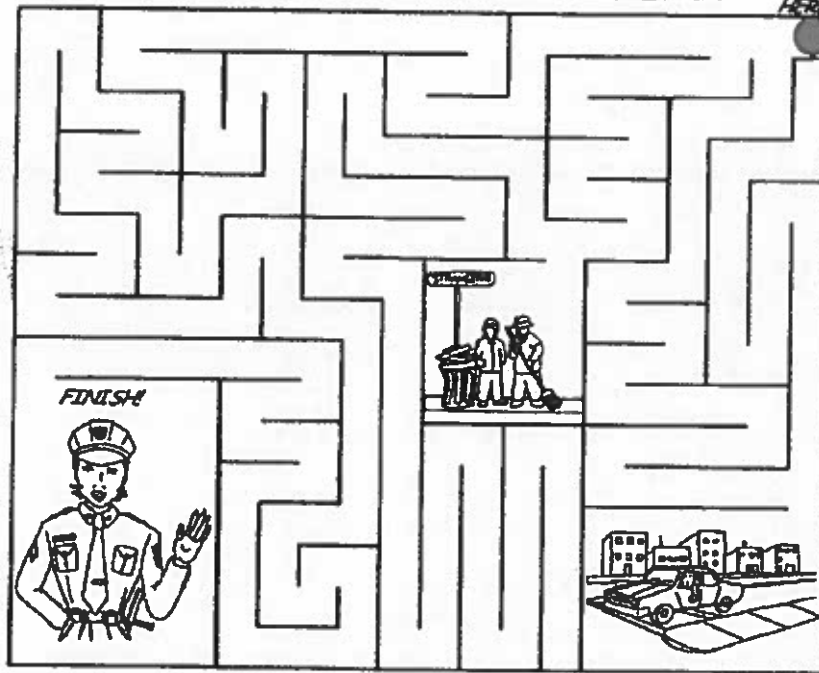
Don't use words that are familiar to others such as your
name, your middle name, your pet's name, etc.



If someone tries to pick you up but doesn't have the
secret code, run away and tell an adult you can trust.

What is a secret family code word used for? So you will know your
parents sent someone to pick you up.

Rule #1:
STAY AWAY FROM DANGER...
DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS!



A stranger is anyone who you don't know well. A stranger can be nice or not nice, man or woman, young or old. Help me find the police officer, while staying away from all the strangers.



**Rule #7:
DON'T GET IN THE CAR...
RUN FAST AND FAR!**



If a stranger in a car or truck tries to talk to you, offer you a ride or ask you for help, stay away from them. Get away fast, running the other way so they can't follow you. Never get into a car with a stranger. Color the picture above of the child staying away and being safe.

